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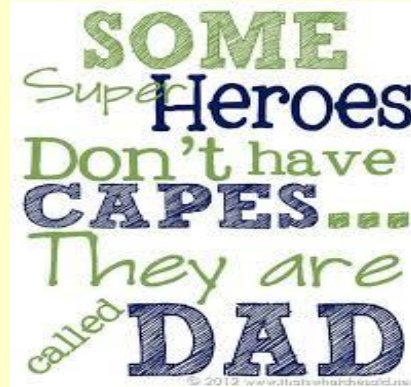
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## News from Pastor Ken

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. It must be summer. People are talking about vacations, graduations, family reunions, and fun on the water. To say nothing about the fact that the gardens are bursting with new life, the birds are chirping, and everyone seems just a little happier. Must be the vitamin D.

I do so enjoy finally having morning prayers and meditation on the deck. With a couple cups of coffee or tea, of course.

Something about summer that somehow give us permission to take a deep breath, smell the roses, peonies, or lilacs, literally and figuratively. It is a time to give our minds, bodies and spirits a moment to simply be. To slow down, plan a day trip, go to the beach, sit lazily under a tree and read, simply enjoy time with family and friends. Just be still for a moment.

For me anyway, and maybe for you, the key is to not try to rush through the relaxation. Just be present and enjoy. You know that long list of things you need to get done this summer. Here's my suggestion. Start the summer accepting the fact that the list of things we want to do is longer than the summer is. So, accept the fact that we are going to get done what we can but not at the expense of having some time for ourselves.

Summer is supposed to be a time of regeneration, discovery, and transformation and of course some fun. The summer is full of exciting opportunities either around the house, in the yard or on a road trip. This can also be a challenging time. Some of us are facing issues of health, money, and loss. Life certainly can be full of interesting journeys. It is good to know that whatever the summer holds for us, we lift each other up and keep each



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## Pastor Ken Newsletter Continued

other in our hearts and in our prayers.

It always amazes me that even as the church year winds down, some of you are already busy planning and getting ready for the fall season. So many of you are busy in selfless ministry. Please remember to take time to breathe and enjoy. This includes Music, Sunday School, outings, fun activities, euchre, meals, fellowship, outreach, events, coffee hours, keeping the inside and outside of the property well cared for, bulletins and newsletters published, and on and on and on. Makes me want to rest just thinking about how hard you all work. A BIG thank you to all of you.

I am glad we can all take a well-deserved break and allow things to be just a little more casual. As we venture off for a time of reflection, vacations, and summer fun, remember that wherever you are, God is there also. So, when you have an opportunity, stop in other churches along the road and say "hello". Wherever you go, God is always happy to see you. And when you are back in town, we look forward to seeing you and hearing your stories.

Remember that regardless of where the summer takes you, you are held in God's unconditional love, boundless mercy, and unending grace and there is a place for you here. Have a great first month of summer. I look forward to sharing the season with you.

Take care and be well, Peace  
Ken

## Prayer List ....

Prayers for ..... Claudette, Barb, Ralph, Wayne, Danielle, Keith, Karen, Sue, Dan, Lauran, Bradley, Doris, Lorraine, Trudy, Carolyn, Mark, Lynn, Don, Lois, Marion, Tom, Brenda, Prange Family, Tamara, Ken, Kathy, Michael, Gina, Melanie and Family, Tricia, Shawn M., Joy, Bill, Joe, Bernetta, Jeff, Jim, Lupe-ka, People of the Ukraine, Families of St. John & St. James



## Outreach Ministry

### Kids in Distress

**Current needs** are as follows:

Infant hygiene items like shampoo and body wash, boys and girls Size 5 summer clothes. boys and girls summer PJ's, shoes are always needed

### Helping Hands

**Current Needs:** Canned soup and tuna, fruit and veggies

Not accepting books and furniture currently.

**No expired or opened boxes of food accepted.**

## Birthdays in June

6-2 Larry Bandlow  
6-5 Doris Doss  
6-7 Wayne Igles  
6-10 Mike Lindke  
6-10 Betty Robertson  
6-11 Ian Riley  
6-21 Elise Lyszczyk  
6-24 Joan Teltow  
6-30 Erin Riley

## Anniversaries in June

6-7 Sue & Mark Tews  
6-9 Amy & Trevor Friedeberg  
6-12 Lynn & Dave Robertson  
6-25 Teri & Bob Wagner  
6-28 Cheryl & Art Wagner

## Earthly Gifts

### The Discretionary Fund June 5th, 2022

Did you know this fund is utilized to aid with rent, utilities, medical supplies, food, and transportation to doctors, etc.?

This is generated from the loose change collected the first Sunday of each month. Please empty your pockets and change purses that day to meet the needs of our church and community.

Our monthly goal for contributions for June is \$5,877.25. By the fourth Sunday in May the offerings received were \$3,494.25 to keep our great St. James going in a great financial condition. With great future weather instore for us, recreation on our priority list, please remember St. James still has financial obligations. If you desire church envelopes because you never requested any or lost yours, please leave a message on the church phone 586-727-1623 or send an email to [www.ourstjameschurch.org](http://www.ourstjameschurch.org)

### Spiritual Ministry

Sunday School is not in session until fall. Please feel free to bring your children to church and partake in the weekly Sunday School classes.

Please contact Sue Tews if you are interested in helping with Sunday school.

### 50/50 Raffle Tickets

Tickets are now available for sale for the second quarter of 2022. The price per ticket is \$5.00 (purchase as many as you want and as often as you like) and the drawing will be on **June 26<sup>th</sup>** at 10am, after service. A total of 200 tickets can be sold for a payout of \$500.00 if all tickets are sold. Please see Roberta Fisher if you wish to purchase or sell tickets.

## *Father's Day Tribute*

### ***What Makes A Dad***

***God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad***

***Author Unknown***

## Christmas Tote Bags for Local Community Charities

The items accepted anytime: hygiene items such as: school supplies (colored pencils, colored markers, erasers, pencil sharpeners, crayons, scissors, rulers) toothpaste, washcloths, headbands, barrettes and bows, and socks (small sizes – boys & girls), washcloths, floss, and toothpaste and toys. We collect the below items for boys and girls from the age of 2 to 14 years old. We filled 116 tote bags this year for the below organizations. Thank you all for the giving of items, your time, material and for delivering the bags.

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### Ministry Needing Helpers!!!!

Members are needed to take the items received for donation to B-Warm, Kids-In-Distress and Helping Hands in Marine City, MI. As you see the boxes/tubs getting full please feel free to help in this ministry by taking the items to the designated places. **Call first**, to make sure they are open for deliveries.

Kids-In-Distress  
Bev & Gordie Kulman  
1114 S 7th St  
St. Clair, MI 48079  
(810) 326-4505

Helping Hands  
310 s. Parker St.  
Marine City, MI 48039  
(810) 765-3848

### Bottle / Can Collection

Due to the circumstances right now, we will no longer be taking in actual bottle and cans. We are collecting cash donations from empty and clean bottles and cans you return to the store yourself that have a deposit on them to support our Christian Education Program.

Please bring the cash or a check to church. You may give Roberta Fisher or Ralph Ski the funds to give Betty Robertson. If you are unable to take them back, we will still take them at church for donation. Place them downstairs in the storeroom.



### Military Prayer List

I will be including a list in the newsletter of our men and women in the military, to acknowledge those who serve and to pray for their safety. Please submit your love one's, family member or friend's name, rank and branch of service to Roberta Fisher to be placed on the list.

Kid's Page

# About my Dad

My Dad's name is \_\_\_\_\_  
My Dad is really good at \_\_\_\_\_  
I love my Dad more than \_\_\_\_\_  
My Dad taught me how to \_\_\_\_\_  
My Dad's favorite thing to do is \_\_\_\_\_  
My Dad can do amazing things! He can \_\_\_\_\_  
faster than anyone.  
He makes the best \_\_\_\_\_  
When I feel sick, he \_\_\_\_\_  
We always play \_\_\_\_\_  
He likes to eat \_\_\_\_\_  
He likes to drink \_\_\_\_\_  
He cooks the yummiest \_\_\_\_\_  
Dad's job is \_\_\_\_\_  
He makes me so happy when \_\_\_\_\_  
He can fix \_\_\_\_\_  
I love it when he \_\_\_\_\_  
Dad and I like to \_\_\_\_\_ together.  
Dad likes to say, " \_\_\_\_\_ "  
My Dad really loves \_\_\_\_\_  
If I could go anywhere in the world with my Dad,  
we would go to \_\_\_\_\_.  
I love my Dad because \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_ — grade  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **June Activities**

Sunday, June 5 – Sunday Service with Holy Communion – 9am.  
Discretionary Fund Collection

Thursday, June 9 – Fundraising Dinner at Fox Fire Fixin's - 4- 8pm

Tuesday, June 14 – Council Meeting – 7pm

Saturday June 18 – Euchre at 6:30pm at St. James

Sunday, June 19 – Sunday Service with Holy Communion – 9am

## **Fundraising Dinner – Fox Fire Fixin's**

Take yourself, family or friends to dinner and help out St. James at the same time. St. James will be hosting a fundraiser dinner at Fox Fire Fixin's from 4:00pm – to 8:00pm on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The restaurant is located at 7200 River Rd, Marine City, MI 48039. They have a large variety of dinner selections along with alcohol available if you would like a beverage with your dinner. Just let them know you are with St. James U.C.C. and St. James will receive 20% of the total proceeds from the dinners and alcohol served between 4-8pm.





## Scripture Readings for June

### **Sunday, June 5**

#### **Pentecost Easter**

Acts 2: 1-21 or Gen 11: 1-9  
Ps 104: 24-34, 35b  
Rom 8: 14-17 or Acts 2: 1-21  
Jn 14: 8-17, (25-27)

#### **Gathered and Scattered**

### **Sunday, June 19**

#### **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19: 1-4, (5-7), 8-15a  
Ps 42 and 43  
Isa 65: 1-9 and Ps 22: 19-28  
Gal: 3: 23-29  
Luke 8: 26-39

#### **In God's Presence**

### **Sunday, June 12**

#### **Trinity Sunday**

Prov 8: 1-4, 22-31  
Ps 8  
Rom 5: 1-5  
Jn 16: 12-15

#### **Wisdom Calls**

### **Sunday, June 26**

#### **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14  
Ps 77: 1-2, 11-20  
1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21 and Ps 16  
Gal 5: 1, 13-25  
Luke 9: 51-62

#### **Pick Up the Mantle**

**\*\*Live streaming of Sunday Services will continue at 9:00am on the St. James Facebook page and at 11:00am on St. Johns Facebook page. Both will be available by video once live streaming is completed.\*\***

### Facebook

Please follow St. James on Facebook. New postings, events and Sunday Services are posted on a daily or weekly basis.

### Weekly Emails of Encouragement and Enlightenment

Please sign-up for our weekly emails provided by Pastor Ken. Provide your email address to Pastor Ken at [kgadd@oursstjameschurch.org](mailto:kgadd@oursstjameschurch.org)



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